

## 2008-2009 Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming MHC events!

### Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons Traveling Exhibit

December 8, 2008 to January 23, 2009

Join us for a celebration of the contributions African American academic surgeons have made to medicine and medical education. This exhibition was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.

Supplementary programming will be held on January 15 and January 22, 2009 and are detailed in this issue.

### Chinese Herbal Medicine Exhibit Traveling Exhibit

March 9 - April 13, 2009

This exhibit features over 30 preserved Chinese medicinal herbs and will be at the MHC in the spring of 2009. More information, including related programming will be featured in an upcoming *House Call*.

Visit us on the web at <http://mhc.med.ohio-state.edu/>



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## House Call

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### MHC To Host *Opening Doors* Exhibit



Dr. Saron Henry is one of the featured surgeons in the exhibit.  
Courtesy Sharon M. Henry, M.D.  
and Maryland Institute for  
Emergency Medical Services  
Systems

The Medical Heritage Center is proud to announce that it will be hosting the national travelling exhibit *Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons* from December 8, 2008 through January 23, 2009. This exhibition was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture and was curated by Margaret A. Hutto and Jill L. Newmark.

The exhibit and related events at the Medical Heritage Center are sponsored in part by the Medical Heritage Center Nathaniel Coleman Endowment Fund. The MHC is the only institution in central Ohio to host this exhibit.

*Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons* champions the contributions of African American academic

surgeons to medicine and medical education. It tells the stories of four pioneering African American surgeons and educators who exemplify excellence in their fields and believe in continuing the journey of excellence through the education and mentoring of younger physicians and surgeons.

Through contemporary and historical images, the exhibition takes the visitor on a journey through the lives and achievements of these academic surgeons, and provides a glimpse into the stories of those that came before them and those that continue the tradition today.

The four pioneers are Alexa I. Canady, the first African American woman pediatric neurosurgeon; LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., cancer surgeon, and the first African American President of the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society; Claude H. Organ, Jr., general surgeon, and the first African American to chair a department of surgery at a predominantly white medical school; and Rosalyn P. Scott, the first African American woman cardiothoracic surgeon.

The exhibition also features other academic surgeons from around the country that follow in the tradition of sharing their knowledge and passing the torch to younger



The Frederick Douglass Hospital Operating Room.  
Courtesy National Library of Medicine

surgeons. These include Levi Watkins, Jr. of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine who performed the first implantation of an automatic defibrillator in a human in 1980 and Carla M. Pugh of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine who holds a patent for a method of simulation used to design the pelvic exam simulator, a teaching tool for medical students.

*Opening Doors* is not intended to be an encyclopedic look at African American academic surgeons, but is intended to provide only a glimpse into the contributions that African American academic surgeons have made to medicine and medical education. The exhibit's curators hope that through this exhibition we can bring these stories to light and inspire others to pursue careers in academic surgery.

The exhibit will be held in the Medical Heritage Center exhibit halls, located on the 5th floor of the Prior Health Sciences Library, 376 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, OH. It is free and open to the public Monday through Friday 9am -5pm and is closed on the university holidays of December 25 and 26, 2008 as well as January 1 and 19, 2009. Please contact MHC Collection Curator Kristin Rodgers at kristin.rodgers@osumc.edu or 614-292-9966 for questions regarding the exhibit.

An online web version of the exhibition is also available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/aframsurgeons>.

### Events to Celebrate the *Opening Doors* Exhibit's Themes in Central Ohio



Alvin Jackson, MD

In addition to the exhibit, two additional events will be held at the MHC to celebrate the themes of the exhibit within the central Ohio community on January 15 and 22, 2009.

#### January 15, 2009 Panel Discussion

A luncheon and panel discussion comprised of African American surgeons from central Ohio will take place on January 15 from 11:00am to 2 pm in the MHC meeting room. This event is co-sponsored by the MHC Nathaniel Coleman Memorial Endowment Fund and the Ohio State University College of Medicine's Office for Diversity and Cultural Affairs and is free and open to the public. The RSVP deadline for this event is Wednesday, January 7 and reservations can be made through the Alumni Affairs on-line system at [www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni](http://www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni) and click on "events." Contact Muntaqima Furqan at (614) 688-8489 or [muntaqima.furqan@osumc.edu](mailto:muntaqima.furqan@osumc.edu) for additional information regarding this event.

#### January 22 Maurice Mullet Forum Featuring Alvin Jackson, MD

The Maurice Mullet Student Alumni Forum will be held on January 22 from 5:30-7pm in the Medical Heritage Center meeting room and will feature a dinner and lecture with Alvin Jackson, MD, Director of the Ohio Department of Health and member of the OSU College of Medicine Class of 1989.

Dr. Jackson will share and discuss the oral histories that he has collected through the years from conversations with African American physicians who have graduated from the OSU College of Medicine. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the OSU College of Medicine Alumni Affairs Department with support from the Medical Heritage Center's Nathaniel Coleman Memorial Endowment Fund. The RSVP deadline is Monday, January 19 and reservations can be made through the Alumni Affairs on-line system at [www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni](http://www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni) and click on "events." Contact Allison Frost at 292-5671 or [allison.frost@osumc.edu](mailto:allison.frost@osumc.edu) for more information regarding this event.

## Last Chance to Support the MHC's 10th Anniversary Campaign!

The Medical Heritage Center (MHC) was founded in 1997 with the mission to collect, preserve, and promote the rich health sciences history of the central Ohio region. The MHC advisory committee, comprised of health care professionals from across the area, named 2007-2008 as the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign year.

Contributions made during this time will make a difference in supporting the legacy of the Center and ensuring its growth in the years to come. So far, over \$14,000 has been donated to this cause!

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Donors, giving at the level of \$100 or above will be acknowledged in a future newsletter. Their name will be inscribed on a commemorative plaque to be installed in the MHC in 2009. There is still time to donate and become part of the anniversary celebration. Take the time to fill out the form below to make your donation to preserve the past for future generations!

### Join in the Celebration!

You can help support the work of the Medical Heritage Center by considering a contribution in the form of a tax deductible gift. All gifts received will be placed in the Medical Heritage Center general development fund, which will support the collections, scholarship, and public programming of the Medical Heritage Center.

Contributors giving at the \$100 level and above will become members of the Curator's 10th Anniversary Circle, which includes recognition in forthcoming Medical Heritage Center publications. Circle-level supporters will also have their names added to a commemorative plaque to be located in the Medical Heritage Center in 2009. They will also receive a copy of the book, *The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health, The Early Years*.

**To donate please clip and return this form to: Medical Heritage Center, Prior Health Sciences Library, 376 West Tenth Ave., Columbus, OH 43210**

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Curator's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Circle

Yes, I would like to make a gift to the Medical Center Heritage Fund.

\*I **do not** wish to receive the book as part of my donation of \$100 or more.

Enclosed is my check, made payable to The Medical Heritage Center in the amount of:

\$100 (Curator's Anniversary Circle)

\$250 (Curator's Silver Circle)

\$500 (Curator's Gold Circle)

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Contributors who donate gifts of \$100 and above will receive a copy of *The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health, The Early Years* (a retail value of \$40) in the mail.